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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF FAHMY VISIT

1. FAHMY VISIT TO WASHINGTON GRABBED HEADLINES ONLY IN AL-AKHBAR AUGUST 17. MANAGING EDITOR MOHSIN MOHAMED REPORTING FROM WASHINGTON TELLS READERS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER TOLD HIM THAT HE WOULD RENEW HIS ME EFFORTS IN SEPTEMBER (ALTHOUGH HE REFUSED TO GIVE A DATE), AS THE RESULT OF FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY'S VISIT. MOHSIN ALSO REPORTS THAT THE SIGNING OF THE COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING THE VISIT WAS DELAYED BECAUSE PRESIDENT FORD WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE QUOTE OBJECTIONS VOICED BY SOME AMERICAN OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE DELIVERY OF MAIN COMMODITIES WHICH EGYPT HAS REQUESTED." FORD APPARENTLY ORDERED THE COMMITTEES TO CONTINUE THEIR MEETINGS TO RECONSIDER THE LISTS OF COMMODITIES REQUESTED BY EGYPT. SPOKESMAN ANDERSON'S STATEMENT THAT REASON FOR DELAY IN SIGNING OF COMMUNIQUE WAS TWO SIDES FOUND MUCH MORE TO DISCUSS THAN TWO DAYS ALLOWED ALSO REPORTED.

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2. IN OTHER REPORTS, PAPERS PLAY ON BIPARTISAN

ASSURANCES TO FAHMY THAT BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS APPROVE OF THE PRESENT MIDDLE EAST POLICY. FULBRIGHT STATMENT THAT THE US INTENDS TO ALLOCATE 50 MILLION PER YEAR FOR EGYPT FOR THE TEXT TEN YEARS IS ALSO COVERED.

3. FAHMY'S REPETITION OF ASSURANCES THAT EGYPT DOES NOT WANT NUCLEAR KNOW-HOW FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, BUT WARNING THAT GOE WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE IF ISRAEL USED ITR TECHNOLOGY FOR MILITARY GAINS. EGYPT MUST HAVE NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR INCREASE POWER NEEDS AND IF WE CANNOT GET IT FROM THE UNITED STATES, WE SHALL GET IT FROM OTHER SOURCES.

4. AL AKHBAR SAYS THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED TO SUPPLY 500,000 TONS OF WHEAT INCLUDING AN URGENT SHIPMENT OF 100,000 TONS. THE REPORTS POINTS OUT THAT THIS DECISION WAS MADE IN SPITE OF A ANTICIPATED SHORTAGE IN THE UNITED STATES.
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